

been exercised in this way long enough. A many of the people  
showed themselves to be of my way of thinking by going out  
At last a preacher succeeded the desk - & preached a long  
very long stupid sermon begging for the schools for the poor  
We knew these wps to be the contribution & had foreseen the  
moment the sermon was over before the collection there was  
a rush out of the church at an incredible rate in this little  
space. I was shocked to see such a want of good preaching  
& I should have expected more respect for the words of  
God in even a French congregation. At home I hardly can  
imagine how the thing would be taken & it is we are a  
people with all the sad things that are doing at home  
there not you missed the not arrival of the steamer last week's

Happy for news. I was not surprised at congested engagements.  
I was alone in the family in believing in the report. It was shortly in  
the family to give me hint of it. Mrs Thorsdike thinks that Charles &  
only lucky person. I'm delighted that Charles & your Aunt Louisa are so

happy. Dr. B. & I  
say he is a very  
my eyes. I think  
that if he comes  
soon enough,  
I shall send you  
about by him.

If you are not  
written to Dr. B.  
say for your toy  
book branches

will you  
to your order &  
For me - I don't

mind exactly  
the form or price  
of dear Mrs if you  
could let me know  
by Dr. B. & I  
that price I'll have  
much that also has  
infectious, were you  
I could pay for  
return with

Dear Lane. I thank you for your note by  
Prof Cook. Your little visit was a bright  
spot for us. I don't think how long  
it was before we meet again. This  
moment I have a letter from your Nephew  
Charles Rome Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> he writes in good  
spirits but says that he shall be very  
glad to be at home again - & says that they  
will be in Paris the 14<sup>th</sup> next Saturday -  
He seems to have enjoyed Florence more  
than Rome & regrets what he did not  
cut off his or three days from Rome & give  
them to Florence. But he says that he  
Rome is given. He does not say one word  
about his health. If I was blessed with  
your husband's happy, hopeful tempera-  
ment I should conclude that all was  
well as it is. I should have been better

satisfied with an assurance of well  
being. This letter is the first news we  
have had except a weekly receipt of  
a letter for your Aunt Lizzy, which  
your Uncle Cornwell took out of the  
envelop & readdressed to her. I am a  
sad coward & I confess (but you must  
not tell) that I shall be delighted  
when the dear Doctor is safe under his  
wifes care again. We heard from Dr Booth  
yesterday instead of seeing him with  
Isabella as we had expected - he was detained  
by influenza. But your hope to see them  
soon. I love Dr Booth so much that I  
should think I was repaid for my voyage  
by knowing him. When your Uncle  
said to let me about him I need  
scarcely to say to you were young  
in the days when you knew him & you  
have retained all your youthful enthusiasm  
we shall see - & seeing I did not think  
he had said one word too much. Don't  
you find him the most eloquent person &

of such a delightful nature. We have had  
the gayest carnival. Mardi Gras &  
Mardi Gras all Paris were in the streets  
& the le Coeur Gras was escorted by multitudes  
of masks. I think it was anything  
but an elevating spectacle. It was low  
vulgar & shocking women decked  
as men & making themselves very con-  
spicuous. I believe the whole celebration  
was very much degenerated. The latter days  
was used to take a part in it by driving  
in their carriages in procession &c. Now  
that we have sent we shall be quiet again  
tomorrow we go to a service at St. Martin's  
by the Protestants. Yesterday at church our  
reader got through his chapters &c & no  
cherryman arrived, so the sexton informed  
him in a whisper & he was obliged to fill  
up the interior with chapters & reading psalms  
for then to cheat & you remember he takes  
the most prominent part, & now he has a  
bad cold & cough & it was almost  
insufferable. I begin to think that we are